

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SPOP, EC  
SUBJECT: POLICY RE US INVOLVEMENT IN STERILIZATION ACTIVITIES

REF: QUITO 0138

1. DISCUSSIONS JANUARY 13 AND 14 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PATHFINDER FUND HAVE CONVINCED US OF NEED TO CLARIFY MISSION POLICY PROHIBITING ACTIVITIES BY AID INTERMEDIARY AGENCIES IN THE VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION FIELD. THE BROAD POLICY EXPRESSED IN REFTEL DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN INTERMEDIARY COULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TITLE X FUNDS AND THE FUNDS IT RECEIVES FROM PRIVATE SOURCES. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH DISTINCTION CAN BE MADE.

2. AS INDICATED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL, THE INTENT OF OUR POLICY IS TO PLACE US IN A POSITION TO "BE ABLE TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY THAT NO USG AGENCY HAS INVOLVED ITSELF, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, TRAINING OR INFORMATION RELATING TO STERILIZATION OR ABORTION." UNDER THIS CRITERION, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AGENCIES WHICH RECEIVE FUNDS FROM BOTH USG AND PRIVATE SOURCES USING FUNDS FROM THE LATTER TO PURSUE STERILIZATION ACTIVITIES IN ECUADOR. WE DO RECOMMEND THAT THEY ACT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES AND THAT THEY GENERALLY TRY TO RESPOND TO LEGITIMATE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVELY PROMOTE STERILIZATION.

3. WITH REGARD TO ABORTION, WE WOULD NOTE THAT IT IS PROHIBITED BY LAW IN ECUADOR. WE PRESUME NO US-BASED

ORGANIZATIONS WOULD VIOLATE THE LAW BY PROMOTING ABORTIONS.

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